

Fire Sprinkler Fitter Trainee:

Work Performed: While learning the trade of fire sprinkler fitting; the knowledge and skills needed for installation, repair and maintenance of water-based fire protection sprinkler systems must register as a Sprinkler Fitter Trainee Certificate.

There are no exceptions. Registering for a Fire Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship is not the same as registering as a Sprinkler Fitter Trainee with the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO)

Trainees can only work under the supervision of an individual with the appropriate Sprinkler Fitter Certificate of Competency (Journey or Residential).

NFPA Standard: NFPA 13, 13-D, 13-R, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, and 25

Application Required: Yes

Qualifications: There is no experience required to become a Fire Sprinkler Fitter Trainee. Work related experience is one of the requirements for a Trainee to upgrade to a Sprinkler Fitter Certificate of Competency holder. Must be employed by a licensed Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor (RCW 18.160)

Certificate Stamp Authorized: No

Application Process: In order to apply for a Fire Sprinkler Trainee an individual will need to submit a completed Fire Sprinkler Trainee application for this level.

Application Review: Applications are reviewed to ensure that the person meets the qualifications to apply. If the applicant does not meet the qualifications, they will be notified in writing how to address the issue(s) or the application may be returned.

Application: This packet contains several documents that need to be completed and returned to the SFMO. Forms are available below.

Fees: **Initial, Renewal, or Reinstatement of Certificate:**
There is no fee for the issuance of this Certification.

Rejected Applications: Applications submitted with the following errors will be returned without the application being processed:

- Missing information
- Failing to sign the application or renewal form
- Required hours not verified
- No copy or illegible copy of photo identification
- No evidence of being employed by a licensed Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor (RCW 18.160)

Renewals: Renewal notices are sent to all current certificate holders through their last known employer or if the employer is unknown to the individual biennially on even number years.

Timeline to process a Sprinkler Fitter Trainee Certificate of Competency:

New Applicants:

Typically, an accurately completed application takes no more than five business days to process the certification. Applicants will be notified when corrections are required.

Renewals:

Accurately completed renewal applications received during the renewal period are immediately reviewed. Applicants will be notified when corrections are required. Typically, if corrections are not needed, it may take up to fifteen days to process a certificate for an individual. Those renewals submitted through the employer may take up to fifteen days to process the billing for license/certification fees. Due to the volume of renewals received this may take up to an additional fifteen business days.

If an applicant is not employed by a licensed fire protection sprinkler contractor, no application can be processed as this is a requirement for this certificate.

Forms:

- Sprinkler Fitter Trainee Application
- Journey Sprinkler Fitter Application
- Residential Fitter Application

Other Certificate of Competency Forms:

- Change of Legal Name
- Change of Contact Data

License and Certification List:

- All Certified Sprinkler Fitter Trainees
- All Certified Sprinkler Fitters – all levels

Law and Rule Reference:

- RCW 18.270 Fire Sprinkler Fitters
- RCW 18.160 Fire Sprinkler System Contractors
- WAC 212-80 Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractors